



SPECIAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 2014

COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS (CBEC) SHALL PUBLISH
NOTICE OF PROCLAMATION IN THE NEWSPAPER

A.C.A. § 7-11-103

November 24, Tuesday

PARTY FILING PERIOD BEGINS AT 12:00 NOON

12:00 Noon – The party filing period shall be the period ending at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1st and beginning at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 24th. Political practices pledges and affidavits of eligibility shall be filed, any filing fees of a political party, if any, shall be paid, and party certificates shall be issued by the party during regular office hours during the filing period. A party certificate and the political practices pledge shall be filed with the Secretary of State during regular office hours during the party filing period.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION and A.C.A. § 7-7-203(c) (1-3), and (5)

12:00 Noon – First day for individuals who want to qualify as an independent candidate to circulate petitions (due 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2015).

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION

12:00 Noon – First day for write-in candidates to file a notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the Secretary of State for the Special Election.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION

Start of the period for a person desiring to have his or her name placed upon the ballot as an independent candidate to file a political practices pledge, an affidavit of eligibility, and a notice of candidacy.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION

December 2014

December 1, Monday

PARTY FILING PERIOD ENDS AT 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – The party filing period shall be the period ending at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1st and beginning at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 24th. Political practices pledges and affidavits of eligibility shall be filed, any filing fees of a political party, if any, shall be paid, and party certificates shall be issued by the party during regular office hours during the filing period. A party certificate and the political practices pledge shall be filed with the Secretary of State during regular office hours during the party filing period.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION and A.C.A. § 7-7-203(c) (1-3), and (5)

5:00 p.m. – Deadline for a person desiring to have his or her name placed upon the ballot as an independent candidate to file a political practices pledge, an affidavit of eligibility, and a notice of candidacy.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION



5:00 p.m. – Deadline for write-in candidates to file a notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the Secretary of State for the Special Election.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION

December 3, Wednesday	Deadline for ballot position draw. <i>PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION</i>
December 8, Monday	DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST Candidates shall file a Statement of Financial Interest for the previous calendar year on the first Monday following the close of the filing period. <i>A.C.A. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A); A.C.A. § 21-8-703(a)</i>
December 14, Sunday*	*30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION Deadline to apply to register to vote in the Special Primary Election. <i>A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a) and Amendment 51 § 9(b) of the Arkansas Constitution</i> Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change polling sites for the Special Primary Election. <i>A.C.A. § 7-5-101(d)(2)</i>
<i>[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, December 15, 2015, due to this statute.]</i>	
December 19, Friday	25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION The first date county board of election commissioners (CBEC) can demonstrate the voting machines for the Special Primary Election. Machines must be demonstrated not more than 25 days prior and not less than 10 days before the election. <i>A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)</i>
December 24, Wednesday	20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties. <i>A.C.A. § 7-4-107(b)(1)</i>
December 29, Monday	15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials. <i>A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(2)</i>
December 30, Tuesday	7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to have each voting machine tested to ascertain that the voting system or the electronic vote tabulating device will correctly count the votes for all offices. <i>A.C.A. § 7-5-515(c)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-611(a)(2)</i>



January 2015

January 3, Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to demonstrate the voting machines for the Special Primary Election. Machines must be demonstrated not more than 25 days prior and not less than 10 days before the election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- Date of the election.
- Hours of voting on election day.
- Places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
- Candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- Time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.

A.C.A. § 7-5-202(a)(1-6)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to make publication of all of the nominations filed with it, or all nominations certified to it by the Secretary of State required by law to be submitted to the electors at any election by posting a list at the door of the courthouse.

A.C.A. § 7-5-206

January 5, Monday

5:00 p.m. – Deadline for a person desiring to have his or her name placed upon the ballot as an independent candidate to file petitions with the Secretary of State's office.

NOTE- candidate must have filed political practices pledges and affidavits of eligibility with Secretary of State during filing period.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION

January 6, Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Early Voting Begins for Special Primary Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)

Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail, fax, or email for the Special Primary Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(ii); A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(vi)(a)

January 8, Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to post a copy of the notice of election at each polling site in the county (optional) and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county (mandatory) for the Special Primary Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(1)



January 9, Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfer of registered voters.

Amendment 51 § 10 of the Arkansas Constitution

Last day for individuals who want to qualify as an independent candidate to circulate petitions (due January 5th, 2015).

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION

January 11, Sunday*

***30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION**

Deadline to register to vote to participate in the Special Primary Runoff Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change polling sites for the Special Primary Runoff Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-101(d)(2)

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. § 7-1-108 any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, January 12, 2015.]*

January 12, Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Deadline for the county clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots for the Special Primary Election from the voter, designated bearer, or administrator, no later than the time the county clerk's office regularly closes.

A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(i), (iii) and (v)

Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk, no later than the time the county clerk's office regularly closes.

A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to designate suitable person/persons to deliver ballots and necessary supplies to the polls. The suitable person/persons shall not be an elected official, an elected official's deputy, or a candidate.

A.C.A. § 7-5-211(a)

Last day for voter to participate in early voting (early voting closes at the time the county clerk's office regularly closes on the day before the election).

A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)

January 13, Tuesday

SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION and A.C.A. § 7-5-304(a)

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.



- At least two sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE” of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site.
- At least two copies of the instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instructions for fail-safe voting.
- General information on voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided signs containing the words “VOTE HERE” near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

A.C.A. § 7-5-202(c)(1-8)

1:30 p.m. Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter for the Special Primary Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

Deadline for qualified electors outside of the United States or active duty uniformed personnel to sign, date, postmark (not required for military), and mail absentee ballots to the county clerk. Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 p.m., 10 calendar days after the election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

7:30 p.m. Deadline for the county clerk to receive delivery of the ballots by mail (excluding overseas), the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the voter for the Special Primary Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(2)

Immediately after the polls close-- Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), or to the county treasurer in the case of the stub boxes.

A.C.A. § 7-5-317(a-b)

As results are received and tabulated on election night, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election as soon as early voting, absentee, or individual precinct results are tabulated on election night and immediately shall transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State.

A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(A)

On election night, immediately after the count of the vote is complete, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election, including a statement of the number of outstanding ballots of voters who



requested ballots under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and provisional ballots and immediately transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State.

A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(C)

January 15, Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The earliest time for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass returns and certify the Special Primary Election results providing that there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots. (No earlier than 48 hours and no later than the 10th calendar day after the Special Primary Election).

A.C.A. § 7-7-309

January 16, Friday

25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

The first date county board of election commissioners (CBEC) can demonstrate the voting machines for the Special Primary Runoff Election. Machines must be demonstrated not more than 25 days prior and not less than 10 days before the election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)

January 21, Wednesday

20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.

A.C.A. § 7-4-107(b)(1)

January 23, Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

5:00 p.m. – Deadline for absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status to be received by the county clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. for the Special Primary Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass the returns and certify the Special Primary Election. No earlier than 48 hours and no later than the 10th calendar day after the Special Primary Election. If no time is specified for the meeting of the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), the meeting shall be at 5:00 p.m.

A.C.A. § 7-7-309; A.C.A. § 7-7-203(e)(2)

January 26, Monday

15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in its county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials.

A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(2)

January 27, Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION



Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to have each voting machine tested to ascertain that the voting system or the electronic vote tabulating device will correctly count the votes for all offices.

A.C.A. § 7-5-515(c)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-611(a)(2)

January 31, Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to demonstrate the voting machines for the Special Primary Runoff Election. Machines must be demonstrated not more than 25 days prior and not less than 10 days before the election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- Date of the election.
- Hours of voting on election day.
- Places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
- Candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- Time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.

A.C.A. § 7-5-202(a)(1-6)

January 31, Saturday*

***10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION**

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare official absentee ballots and deliver them to the county clerk for mailing to any qualified applicants for the Special Primary Runoff Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-407(b)

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, February 2, 2015, due to this statute.]*

February 2015

February 3, Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Early Voting Begins for Special Primary Runoff Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)

First day for a designated bearer to pick up from the county clerk a maximum of two absentee ballots for the Special Primary Runoff Election. Upon delivery of an absentee ballot to an individual authorized to receive an absentee ballot, the county clerk shall mark the electronic voter registration list and the precinct voter registration list to indicate that an absentee ballot has been delivered to the voter.

A.C.A. § 7-5-409(f-g)

Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail, fax or electronic mail for the Special Primary Runoff Election.



A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(ii) and (vi)(a)

February 5, Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to post a copy of the notice of election at each polling site in the county (optional) and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county (mandatory) for the Special Primary Runoff Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(1)

February 6, Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfer of registered voters.

Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 10 (b)(2)(A)

February 9, Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes the day before the election day at the time the county clerk's office regularly closes.

A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to designate suitable person/persons to deliver ballots and necessary supplies to the polls. The suitable person/persons shall not be an elected official, an elected official's deputy, or a candidate.

A.C.A. § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A-B)

Deadline for county clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots for the Special Primary Runoff Election from the voter, designated bearer, or administrator is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(i), (iii), and (v)

Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver to the designated person/persons of each set of poll workers at each polling site, the following additional election supplies if applicable:

- A good and sufficient ballot box with numbered seals.
- Sufficient list-of-voters forms adequate to record the names of all registered voters who appear to vote in the polling site.
- A precinct voter registration list.
- Sufficient tally sheets.
- Envelopes to seal the ballots and certificates.
- Separate sheets containing blank forms of certificates prepared to enable the poll workers to properly certify the paper ballot count at the polling site, upon which certificates shall be endorsed a blank form of oath to be



taken by the poll workers before entering upon the discharge of their duties.

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- Voter registration application forms for voters using fail-safe voting and other record-keeping supplies necessary to document fail-safe voting procedures.
- In those counties in which an optical scanner is used to count paper ballots, the marking instrument recommended by the manufacturer of the optical scanner for proper marking on the ballots.

A.C.A. § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A-H)

February 10, Tuesday

SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION and A.C.A. § 7-7-203(a); A.C.A. § 7-5-304

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site.
- At least two copies of the instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instructions for fail-safe voting.
- General information on voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided signs containing the words "VOTE HERE" near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

A.C.A. § 7-5-202(c)(1-8)

1:30 p.m. Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot to the office of the county clerk by an authorized agent of the voter for the Special Primary Runoff Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

Deadline for qualified electors outside of the United States or active duty uniformed personnel to sign, date, postmark (not required for military), and mail absentee ballots to the county clerk. Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 p.m., 10 calendar days after the election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

7:30 p.m. Deadline for the county clerk to receive delivery of the ballots by mail (excluding overseas), the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the voter for the Special Primary Runoff Election.



A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(2)

Immediately after the polls close-- Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), or to the county treasurer in the case of the stub boxes.

A.C.A. § 7-5-317(a-b)

As results are received and tabulated on election night, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election as soon as early voting, absentee, or individual precinct results are tabulated on election night and immediately shall transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State.

A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(A)

On election night, immediately after the count of the vote is complete, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election, including a statement of the number of outstanding ballots of voters who requested ballots under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and provisional ballots and immediately transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State.

A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(C)

February 12, Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

The earliest time for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass the returns and certify the Special Primary Runoff Election results providing that there are no outstanding absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status is no earlier than 48 hours and no later than the 10th calendar day after the Special Primary Runoff Election.

A.C.A. § 7-7-309; A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

February 13, Friday

Certificates of nomination shall be issued by the parties no later than 12:00 noon. Candidates shall file certificates of nomination on or before close of business on February 13. ***PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION***

Deadline for ballot draw. The order in which the names of the candidates shall appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at a public meeting of the county board. The county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall give at least 10 days' written notice of the time and place of the meeting to the chairs of the county committees, if the chairs are not members of the board, and at least three (3) days before the meeting, shall publish notice of the time and place of holding the meeting in some newspaper of general circulation in the county. ***PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION***

February 20, Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION



5:00 p.m. – Deadline for absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status to be received by the county clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. for the Special Primary Runoff Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass the returns and certify the Special Primary Runoff Election results is no earlier than 48 hours and no later than the 10th calendar day after the Special Primary Runoff Election. If no time is specified for the meeting of the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), the meeting shall be at 5:00 p.m.

A.C.A. § 7-7-309; A.C.A. § 7-7-203(e)(2)

March 2015

March 15, Sunday*

***30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION**

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the Special Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change polling sites for the Special Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-101(d)(2)

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, March 16, 2015, due to this statute.]*

March 20, Friday

25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION

The first date county board of election commissioners (CBEC) can demonstrate the voting machines for the Special Election. Machines must be demonstrated not more than 25 days prior and not less than 10 days before the election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)

The county clerk automatically shall mail, no later than twenty-five (25) days before each election, an absentee ballot for each election for those persons voting by absentee ballot who reside outside the county in which they are registered to vote, have a disability as defined in § 7-5-19, or reside in a long-term care or residential care facility licensed by the state. The absentee ballot application for those voters shall remain in effect for one (1) year unless revoked by the voter or the administrator of the facility has presented an absentee ballot request from the voter authorizing the administrator to receive the absentee ballot on behalf of the voter for that election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-404(b)(2)

March 25, Wednesday

20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.

A.C.A. § 7-4-107(b)(1)



March 30, Monday

15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials.

A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(2)

First day for a designated bearer to pick up from the county clerk a maximum of two absentee ballots for the Special Election. Upon delivery of an absentee ballot to an individual authorized to receive an absentee ballot, the county clerk shall mark the electronic voter registration list and the precinct voter registration list to indicate that an absentee ballot has been delivered to the voter.

A.C.A. § 7-5-409(f-g)

March 31, Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to have each voting machine tested to ascertain that the voting system or the electronic vote tabulating device will correctly count the votes for all offices.

A.C.A. § 7-5-515(c)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-611(a)(2)

April 2015

April 4, Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to demonstrate the voting machines for the Special Election. Machines must be demonstrated not more than 25 days prior and not less than 10 days before the election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to make publication of all of the nominations filed with it, or all nominations certified to it by the Secretary of State required by law to be submitted to the electors at any election by posting a list at the door of the courthouse.

A.C.A. § 7-5-206

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- Date of the election.
- Hours of voting on election day.
- Places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
- Candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- Time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.

A.C.A. § 7-5-202(a)(1-6)

April 7, Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION



Early Voting Begins for Special Election.
A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)

Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail, fax or electronic mail for the Special Election.
A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(ii) and (vi)(a)

April 9, Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to post a copy of the notice of election at each polling site in the county (optional) and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county (mandatory) for the Special Election.
A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(1)

April 10, Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfers of registered voters.
Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 10

April 13, Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election.
A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)

Deadline for county clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots for the Special Election from the voter, designated bearer, or administrator is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.
A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(i), (iii), and (v)

Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.
A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to designate suitable person/persons to deliver ballots and necessary supplies to the polls. The suitable person/persons shall not be an elected official, an elected official's deputy, or a candidate.
A.C.A. § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A-B)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver to the designated person/persons, for each set of poll workers at each polling site, the following additional election supplies if applicable:

- A good and sufficient ballot box with numbered seals.
- Sufficient list-of-voters forms adequate to record the names of all registered voters who appear to vote in the polling site.
- A precinct voter registration list.
- Sufficient tally sheets.
- Envelopes to seal the ballots and certificates.



- Separate sheets containing blank forms of certificates prepared to enable the poll workers to properly certify the paper ballot count at the polling site.
- A blank form of oath to be taken by the poll workers before entering upon the discharge of their duties.
- Voter registration application forms for voters using fail-safe voting and other record-keeping supplies necessary to document fail-safe voting procedures.
- In those counties in which an optical scanner is used to count paper ballots, the marking instrument recommended by the manufacturer of the optical scanner for proper marking on the ballots.

A.C.A. § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A-H)

April 14, Tuesday

SPECIAL ELECTION DAY

Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION; A.C.A. § 7-5-304(a)

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall post at each polling site

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" on each ballot style that will be at a polling site.
- At least two copies of the instruction on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instruction on fail-safe voting.
- General information of voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided signs containing the words "VOTE HERE" near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

A.C.A. § 7-5-202(c)(1-8)

1:30 p.m. – Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot to the office of the county clerk by an authorized agent of the voter for the Special Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(iv)

Deadline for qualified electors outside of the United States or active duty uniformed personnel to sign, date, postmark (not required for military), and mail absentee ballots to the county clerk. Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 p.m., 10 calendar days after the election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

7:30 p.m. – Deadline for the county clerk to receive delivery of absentee ballots by mail (excluding overseas), or by hand-delivery from the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the absentee voter.



A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(2)

Immediately after the polls close-- Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), or to the county treasurer in the case of the stub boxes.

A.C.A. § 7-5-317(a-b)

As results are received and tabulated on election night, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election as soon as early voting, absentee, or individual precinct results are tabulated on election night and immediately shall transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State.

A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(A)

On election night, immediately after the count of the vote is complete, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election, including a statement of the number of outstanding ballots of voters who requested ballots under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and provisional ballots and immediately transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State.

A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(C)

April 16, Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE SPECIAL ELECTION

The earliest time for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass the returns and certify the Special Election results providing that there are no outstanding absentee ballots from overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status is no earlier than 48 hours. The deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to certify the election results is January 25, 2014 per the Governor's Proclamation.

A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

April 24, Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE SPECIAL ELECTION

5:00 p.m. – Deadline for absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status to be received by the county clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. for the Special Election.

A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

April 24, Friday

DEADLINE TO CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to certify election results to the Secretary of State's office.

PER GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION

****All other deadlines and requirements shall be as provided for by the election laws of this State.****